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TO : General Counsel  
FROM : Chief, Administrative Services  
SUBJECT: Purchase of Cafeteria Equipment

DATE: 3 January 1952

1. The attached requisition covers a number of items of cafeteria equipment required by the CIA Reproduction Plant in

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2. The Comptroller, by memorandum of 20 December 1951, also attached, has indicated that sufficient funds are available, and recommended that the requisition be referred to the General Counsel for an opinion as to legality of purchase. Informally, the Assistant General Counsel has referred us to Comptroller General Decision A-33272, Volume 10, Page 140, which deals with the question of construction of temporary buildings from general appropriations, to include a cafeteria building. It is doubtful that this decision is applicable in view of the fact that our proposal is for the purchase of equipment only and does not in any manner deal with construction.

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4. It would therefore be appreciated if the General Counsel could approve the purchase of this equipment in view of the fact that the Comptroller General's Decision cited does not appear to be applicable.

CONCUR:

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Deputy Security Officer, CIA

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